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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing low-income pupil supplementary weighting  
2 for school districts and including effective date and  
3 applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *Supplementary weighting for low-income*  
4 *pupils.*

5 a. In order to provide additional funding to school  
6 districts for the increased costs related to providing  
7 educational instruction and services to low-income pupils,  
8 supplementary weighting for such pupils shall be assigned under  
9 this subsection and included in the school district's weighted  
10 enrollment under section 257.6, subsection 5.

11 b. (1) A supplementary weighting of two-tenths shall be  
12 assigned to each pupil, as reported by the school district on  
13 the basic educational data survey for the base year, who is  
14 eligible for reduced price meals under the federal National  
15 School Lunch Act and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966,  
16 42 U.S.C. §1751-1785.

17 (2) A supplementary weighting of four-tenths shall be  
18 assigned to each pupil, as reported by the school district on  
19 the basic educational data survey for the base year, who is  
20 eligible for free meals under the federal National School Lunch  
21 Act and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C.  
22 §1751-1785.

23 c. Amounts received as supplementary weighting under this  
24 subsection are in addition to amounts received under the  
25 supplementary weighting received under subsection 4 and may  
26 be used by the school district for any school general fund  
27 purpose.

28 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
29 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

30 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
31 years beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill establishes supplementary weighting for low-income

1 pupils to provide additional funding through the school funding  
2 formula to school districts for the increased costs related to  
3 providing educational instruction and services to low-income  
4 pupils. Under the bill, a supplementary weighting of 0.2 is  
5 assigned to each pupil in the school district who is eligible  
6 for reduced price meals under federal law and a supplementary  
7 weighting of 0.4 is assigned to each pupil in the school  
8 district who is eligible for free meals under federal law.  
9 Amounts received as supplementary weighting under the bill may  
10 be used by the school district for any school general fund  
11 purpose.

12 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school  
13 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021.